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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF  
CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 05-48**  
**Comp. Pol. File No. 698**

**Comments Due: February 22, 2005**

**Section 214 Application**

**Applicant: Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company**

On February 1, 2005, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (Cincinnati Bell or Applicant), located at 201 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority to the extent necessary, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of Electronic Listing Information (ELI) Service to customers in certain geographic areas.

Cincinnati Bell indicates in its application that its ELI Service allows for direct on-line electronic access to Cincinnati Bell's customer listing database via dial-up, without the assistance of an operator. Cincinnati Bell states that it proposes to discontinue this service as of March 22, 2005 due to provisioning issues regarding reliability and customer billing, and due to the very limited customer demand for this service. Cincinnati Bell further states that its Internet Directory Assistance Service provides the same functionality as ELI service via the Internet, and that this service is currently available as an alternative. The application indicates that the proposed discontinuance of ELI service will affect customers located in Florida, Georgia and Illinois. Cincinnati Bell states that it is non-dominant with respect to the ELI service to be discontinued, and that it notified all affected customers of the proposed discontinuance by letter dated January 28, 2005.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Cincinnati Bell's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the thirty-first (31st) day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Cincinnati Bell that the grant will not be automatically effective. In its application and notice to customers, Cincinnati Bell indicated that it plans to discontinue service as of March 22, 2005. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c), absent further Commission action, Cincinnati Bell may not terminate service until March 22, 2005. The Commission will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would otherwise be adversely affected.

This proceeding is considered a “permit but disclose” proceeding for purposes of the Commission’s *ex parte* rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **February 22, 2005**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 05-48 and Comp. Pol. File No. 698**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the subject line “get form <your e-mail address>.” A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must send an original and four (4) copies of the comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. Two (2) copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 5-C327, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-2345, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission’s contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission’s Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0270. A copy of the application may also be purchased from the Commission’s copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at [FCC@BCPIWEB.COM](mailto:FCC@BCPIWEB.COM).

For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), [carmell.weathers@fcc.gov](mailto:carmell.weathers@fcc.gov), or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), [rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov](mailto:rodney.mcdonald@fcc.gov) of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The TTY number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

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